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August 10, 2000

Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director  
Cal-Fed Bay Delta Program  
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I have been a rancher in Placer County for almost 55 years, and I am very concerned about your final Cal-Fed EIS/EIR document that was released on July 21, 2000.

The 6500 page report is far too long, complicated and technical for me, and others in the agricultural community to read and understand in the short period allotted to us to review and comment on the plan.

California ranchers and farmers have shown their willingness to conserve water and enhance wildlife habitat, but we fear Cal-Fed does not seem to understand our need to be able to count on reliable and adequate water at all times for our operations.

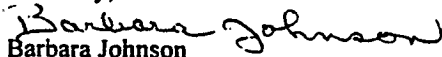
I do not believe Cal-Fed needs to purchase more land to provide habitat and water storage as we have more than enough government owned land for those uses.

Reason and common sense needs to be used when decisions are made as to how these properties are developed for their future use. New water storage facilities need to be developed now to provide water for livestock, poultry and crops. I do not believe people want to exist on a diet of salmon.

I ask you to lengthen the comment period for us and to hold public hearings through-out the state to explain your plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Johnson

Cc: Governor Gray Davis  
Congressman John Doolittle  
US Senator Dianne Feinstein  
US Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Tim Leslie  
Assemblyman Rico Oller  
Placer County Board of Supervisors  
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